



## **Alliance of Cities Meeting August 3, 2004**

### People in attendance

Ed Huck, Executive Director, Alliance of Cities

Douglas Dalton, WisDOT BOP

- A. Overview of long-range plan by WisDOT staff: Mr. Dalton explained the purpose of the meeting and walked through the slide presentation on Connections 2030. He then opened it to Mr. Huck for comments on the issues he and the Alliance see regarding transportation and development.
- B. Mr. Huck identified the following key issues:
  1. The top issue for the Alliance is the need to start approaching our development and transportation issues from a regional perspective. It should be done on a comprehensive approach that includes such things as:
    - Strengthening regional planning,
    - Regional land use policies,
    - Establishing regional revenue sharing,
    - Eliminating service consolidation barriers,
    - Reducing urban sprawl, and
    - Initiating incentives to foster regionalization.
  2. The Alliance is also concerned about sufficient funding at the local level to maintain roads and streets, as well as transit services. Specifically, the Alliance supports establishing regional transportation (for streets and transit) authorities with some type of dedicated funding.
  3. Keeping Wisconsin's cities economically viable and as good places to live also depends on maintaining good transportation connections between our cities. Adequate funding to preserve our infrastructure should be a top priority.

Mr. Dalton thanked Mr. Huck and indicated that WisDOT would share a summary of this meeting with Mr. Huck before it is put out on the plan website. He also indicated that the Alliance would be contacted later in the planning process when a draft plan is developed (probably Spring 2005).